

**Criminal Justice Collaborating Council  
Programs and Alternatives Standing Committee  
May 13, 2009**

Peter Schuler called the meeting to order at 8:32 a.m.

**Committee Members Present:**

Susan Andrews	Sara Carpenter	Mike DeMares
Dick Manke	Lisa McLean	Donna Martinez
Meg Schnabl	Peter Schuler (chair)	Jane Batha
Sally Tess	Diane Keslner	

**Committee Members Absent:**

Linda Van De Water/Donald Hassin	James Pearson	Harlow Beilefeldt
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**Also Present:**

Rebecca Luczaj

**Approval of Minutes from January 14, 2009**

The minutes of January 14, 2009 were accepted.

**Presentation on WCS' Mediation Services**

Carpenter distributed and reviewed a handout titled *WCS Mediation & Restorative Justice Center Programs & Alternatives Committee, Review of Programs and the Benefits to the Criminal Justice System*. She said mediation is a process that assists people in resolving conflicts or disputes, allowing the parties involved to create their own mutually agreeable solutions with the assistance of a trained, impartial third-party mediator. The process can allow people to resolve disputes without filing a claim and going through formal court proceedings. It is an opportunity to save time and money while giving individuals a chance to be part of the resolution. The process reduces the number of cases filed with the courts. If a case has been filed, the courts may recommend mediation to assist with dispute resolution. If an agreement is reached, case managers assist in filing the necessary court papers based on the mediated agreement. Individuals continue through the court process if an agreement is not reached. Types of mediation include: small claims, family cases/disputes, community problems, work place, civil cases, foreclosures, etc.

Carpenter reviewed the following juvenile mediation programs offered by WCS and outlined in the handout: Youth Accountability Panel and Victim Offender Conferencing, Teen Court, Agree to Succeed and Kick Conflict.

Schuler said he and Steve Korthof would like to meet with WCS staff to discuss how mediation can be used to resolve tenant/landlord disputes, which involve environmental resources and public health issues.

**CJCC Highlights**

Schuler said the CJCC Executive Committee approved the reformation of a CJCC data workgroup, chaired by Diane Kelsner. The group will be faced with the monumental task of controlling data issues including capturing data, investigating problems, measuring success, etc. The committee is looking for members who are involved with the CJCC programmatically.

**Update on SAMHSA Grant Application Submittal**

Luczaj said Waukesha County's 73 page SAMHSA grant application was submitted May 8, 2009 for \$816,506 to serve 150, fourth time OWI offenders over a three-year period. Award notifications would be

sent in late August to early September and the program would begin October 1, 2009. Luczaj thanked DeMares, Andrews and Carpenter for their help preparing the grant.

#### Technical Assistance Grant Update

Luczaj said the CJCC staff lacks the time and ability to research evidence-based best practices, analyze current processes to examine efficiencies and evaluate program effectiveness. Bob Gibson used to help the CJCC in this capacity. At the recent Community Justice Conference, she learned that the CJCC of Milwaukee contracts with the Public Policy Forum (PPF) to fulfill their technical support component. Luczaj found a Technical Assistance Grant from Byrne Grant funding that would allow the Waukesha County CJCC to contract with the PPF for ongoing technical assistance. The contract would also create a mechanism to share information on effective criminal justice strategies and strengthen the work of both CJCCs. The City of Waukesha will lead the collaborative effort between the Cities of Brookfield and New Berlin, Waukesha County and the Village of Menomonee Falls. PPF will match the grant. Governor Doyle recently presented the City of Waukesha Police Department with a large presentation check for the funding at a press conference before the grant application was submitted so it appears the grant will be awarded. The contract for the three-year program would start in October with a PPF research assistant committing 20 hours per month of service. The research assistant will also help with grant writing.

#### **Discussion about 2010 CJCC Programs Budgets**

Schuler explained the budget process and timeline to the committee. Schuler and Luczaj will meet with DOA on the CJCC budget after the county releases budget targets. Once those amounts are secured, work will begin on the budget. He expects targets to be similar to the 2009 budget. Funding issues will be discussed at the strategic planning session on May 20. Adjustments to programs may be needed for 2010 because programs will not be able to provide the same services for the same amount of money. The CJCC programs are needed to take stress off of the courts and jail.

#### **Next Meeting Date**

Wednesday, June 10, 2009 @ 8:30 am, HHS Boardroom

The meeting adjourned at 9:47 a.m.